

DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation encourages the public to 'Plan for Vacation Day' today

DOVER – Have you planned your vacation yet? DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation encourages you to mark Tuesday, Jan. 29, on your calendars, to join "National Plan for Vacation Day," reminding Delawareans and out-of-state visitors to beat the crowds and plan their park visits at the start of the year.

Visitors can discover a world of possibilities for vacationing at Delaware's state parks. You can soak up the sun on a vacation to Cape Henlopen State Park, named one of the most scenic state parks in the country by *USA Today*. For more fun in the sun, enjoy Delaware Seashore or Fenwick Island state parks. Or, paddle your way through the baldcypress trees at Trap Pond State Park, soar through the trees with GoApe!Treetop Adventure at Lums Pond State Park, or make a splash at the Killens Pond State Park's Water Park.

"The fact that a record 108,256 nights of lodgings were booked last year, up three-and-a-half percent, is a testament to the excellence of our award-winning state parks," said DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin. "This is a good reason for Delawareans – and out-of-state-visitors – to plan their vacations in our state parks early, and not wait till warm weather, so they won't miss out on the adventures and experiences that await in our 17 parks throughout the state."

Perhaps best of all, the Division of Parks & Recreation is offering 50 percent savings on weeknight camping, cabin or yurt stays through May 15, which can be used now. Just enter the code SMORES5019 at checkout to take advantage of the

offer. Some restrictions may apply, so learn more on www.destateparks.com.

A recent study by the U.S. Travel Association found that 54 percent of Americans don't use all of their vacation time each year, leaving 659 million paid vacation days unused. Aside from letting earned vacation days go to waste, studies have found that vacation is essential for strong bonds with family and friends, a productive workforce, and a fulfilled life.

So what are you waiting for? Plan your vacation now at Delaware's state parks and take advantage of the 50 percent savings.

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